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DEPUTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH (PART-TIME)

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CLERK

Miss G.M. Bodley

RODENT OPERATOR (PART-TIME)

F. Richards (Left Council Employment October 1970)

BOROUGH OF FAVERSHAM

Public Health Department
Municipal Offices
Faversham

November 1971

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,

As you will know Dr. J.T. Murphy retired at the end of April this year and I commenced my duties at the beginning of October. I therefore have the honour of presenting this Report relating to the year 1970 on behalf of Dr. Murphy.

I have no particular comments to make on the contents of the Report.

I am sure Dr. Murphy would like me to express appreciation for the support and interest shown in the work of the department by the Chairman and Members of the Health and Housing Committee.

I am,
Your obedient Servant,

G.R. THORPE

Medical Officer of Health

SECTION I

STATISTICAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

CLIMATOLOGY

The total rainfall during the year was 24.6 inches as compared with 27.23 inches in 1969 and 31.93 inches in 1968.

Maximum and Minimum temperatures, together with the rainfall recorded each month, are shown in Appendix "A".

AREA

The Borough of Faversham covers an area of 3,070 acres, and includes the villages of Davington and Preston.

POPULATION

The Registrar General estimated the mid-year population for 1970 as 14,710 an increase of 100 from the estimated population for the previous year, i.e. 14,610.

NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES

The number of inhabited houses and flats at the end of 1970 was 5592 as compared with 5547 at the end of 1969. Towards this increase no houses were provided by the Council and 48 constructed privately. During the year 3 were demolished. The net increase in habitable houses was therefore 45.

RATEABLE VALUE

£597,278 compared with £556,736 at the 31st December 1969.

SUM REPRESENTED BY THE PENNY RATE

£2417.634 compared with £2274 for the financial year 1969/70.

SECTION II

VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate.....	111 (131)	125 (106)	236 (237)
Illegitimate.....	10 (8)	8 (11)	18 (19)
	121 (139)	133 (117)	254 (256)

BIRTH RATE

The crude birth rate per 1,000 population	17.3 (17.5)
The corrected birth rate	19.0 (19.3)
Rate for England and Wales.....	16.0 (16.3)

STILL BIRTHS

Number of still births	2 (6)
Number of live and still births	256 (262)
Rate per 1,000 live and still births	8 (23.0)
Rate for England and Wales	13.0 (13.0)

INFANT DEATHS

Number of infant deaths (under one year)....	4 (5)
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births.	16.0 (20.0)
Rate for England and Wales	18.0 (18.0)
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 legitimate live births	17.0 (-)
Number of early neo-natal deaths (first week)	3.0 (4)
Early neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births	12.0 (16)
Perinatal mortality rate (still births and deaths under one week combined, per 1,000 total live and still births).....	20.0 (38.0)

ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS

Number of illegitimate live births	18.0 (19)
This is 7% of the total live births	

MATERNAL DEATHS

Number of maternal deaths (including abortion)	Nil (Nil)

DEATHS

Number of deaths assignable to Faversham	235 (228)
The crude death rate per 1,000 population ...	16.0 (15.6)
The corrected death rate	9.6 (9.7)
Rate for England and Wales	11.7 (11.9)
Average age at death	72.3 (73.3)
Average age at death for males	71.6 (70.8)
Average age at death for females	73.7 (75.9)
Oldest death - female	96 (101)
Number of deaths at Bensted House assignable to Borough ...	88 (66)

The following tables show the age groups in which deaths occurred.

TABLE I

SEX	Und 1	1+	5+	15+	25+	35+	45+	55+	65+	Over 75	TOTALS
MALES	3	-	-	-	1	2	13	12	25	62	118
FEMALES	1	-	-	2	-	3	7	6	27	71	117

Table II shows the number of deaths, births and infant mortality rates since 1961 and Table III the causes of deaths during 1970 classified by the Registrar General under 36 heading on the abbreviated list of International Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death.

TABLE II

	BIRTHS			DEATHS		INFANT MORTALITY	
Year	Illegitimate births	Total live births	Crude birth rate	No. of deaths	Crude death rate	Total infant deaths	Infant mortality rate
1961	8	213	16.4	253	19.7	8	37.5
1962	13	215	16.4	237	18.0	4	18.6
1963	11	253	18.9	239	17.91	6	23.7
1964	17	226	16.7	188	10.2	4	17.7
1965	10	239	17.6	210	15.5	4	16.7
1966	15	262	18.7	195	13.9	3	11.4
1967	13	230	16.1	213	14.9	2	8.7
1968	23	261	18.2	228	15.9	2	7.6
1969	19	256	17.5	228	15.6	5	20.0
1970	18	254	17.3	235	16.0	4	16.0

TABLE III

CAUSES OF DEATH	MALES	FEMALES	TOTALS
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
2. Tuberculosis, other	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
3. Syphilitic disease	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
4. Diptheria	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
5. Whooping Cough	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
6. Meningococcal infections	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
8. Measles	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
9. Other infectious and parasitic diseases	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
10. Malignant neoplasm, buccal cavity	1 (-)	- (-)	1 (-)
11. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	- (2)	2 (4)	2 (6)
12. Malignant neoplasm, osophagus	1 (-)	- (-)	1 (-)
13. Malignant neoplasm, intestine	- (1)	3 (3)	3 (4)
14. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	9 (6)	2 (2)	11 (8)
15. Malignant neoplasm, breast	- (-)	6 (1)	6 (1)
16. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	- (-)	1 (1)	1 (1)
17. Leukaemia	2 (1)	- (1)	2 (2)
18. Other Malignant neoplasms	6 (8)	9 (5)	15 (13)
19. Benign and unspecified neoplasms	- (1)	- (-)	- (1)
20. Other endocrine etc. diseases	- (-)	- (1)	- (1)
21. Diabetes Mellitus	1 (-)	1 (-)	2 (-)
22. Multiple Sclerosis	1 (-)	- (-)	1 (-)
23. Anaemias	- (-)	- (1)	- (1)
24. Other diseases of the blood	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
25. Chronic rheumatic heart disease	- (1)	- (1)	- (2)
26. Other diseases of nervous system	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
27. Hypertensive Disease	4 (3)	3 (6)	7 (9)
28. Ischaemic heart disease	30 (26)	20 (17)	50 (43)
29. Other forms of heart disease	11 (11)	12 (9)	23 (20)
30. Cerebrovascular disease	20 (24)	37 (34)	56 (58)
31. Other diseases of circulatory system	4 (6)	4 (7)	8 (13)
32. Influenza	1 (5)	2 (-)	3 (5)
33. Pneumonia	4 (5)	6 (5)	10 (10)
34. Bronchitis and Emphysema	8 (8)	1 (2)	9 (10)
35. Other diseases of respiratory system	2 (2)	2 (-)	4 (2)
36. Peptic ulcer	2 (1)	1 (-)	3 (1)
37. Nephritis and Nephrosis	1 (-)	- (1)	1 (1)
38. Diseases of musculo-skeletal system	- (-)	1 (-)	1 (-)
39. Hyperplasia of Prostate	2 (1)	- (-)	2 (1)
40. Other diseases, genito-urinary system	- (1)	- (2)	- (3)
41. Congenital anomalies	1 (-)	- (1)	1 (1)
42. Other causes of perinatal mortality	2 (-)	- (1)	2 (1)
43. Motor vehicle accidents	2 (1)	- (-)	2 (1)
44. All other accidents	1 (1)	1 (1)	2 (2)
45. Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	1 (-)	3 (-)	4 (-)
46. Diseases of skin, Subcutaneous Tissue	1 (-)	- (-)	1 (-)
TOTALS	118 (115)	117 (106)	235 (221)

Particulars in regard to infant deaths occurring during the year are as follows:-

TABLE IV

CAUSES OF DEATH	SEX	AGE	PLACE OF DEATH
Prematurity	M	6 hrs	Hospital
Respiratory Distress Syndrome	M	2 days	"
Congenital Heart Disease	M	6 days	"
Cardiac Failure	F	6 months	"

SECTION III

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

NOTIFICATION

The number of infectious disease cases notified during 1970 was 31 being 2 more than in the previous year i.e. 29 cases in 1969.

GENERAL

The age distribution of cases occurring is shown in Table V and total number of infectious diseases occurring and the number admitted to hospital and total deaths from diseases are shown in Table VI.

TABLE V

Disease	-1	-5	-15	-20	-30	-40	-50	-60	Over 60	TOTAL
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Scarlet Fever	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	4
Dysentery	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Measles	-	6	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Meningitis	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Whooping Cough	-	3	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Food poisoning	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	2
Tuberculosis Pulmonary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
Tuberculosis Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	2

TABLE VI

Disease	No. of Cases 1970	1969	Admission to Hospital or Sanatorium	Deaths
Scarlet Fever	4	11	-	-
Measles	10	6	-	-
Meningitis	1	-	1	-
Hepatitis	1	3	-	-
Dysentery	1	4	-	-
Encephalitis	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	7	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	2	3	-	-
Tuberculosis Pulmonary	3	1	2	-
Non-Pulmonary	2	1	1	-
TOTAL	31	29	4	-

Table VII shows the number of cases of Infectious Disease notified each year during the past ten years other than tuberculosis.

TABLE VII

Disease	'61	'62	'63	'64	'65	'66	'67	'68	'69	'70
Scarlet Fever	10	8	3	3	2	4	4	1	11	4
Whooping Cough	-	-	3	36	-	15	1	12	-	7
Measles	526	76	118	81	576	140	115	3	6	10
Meningitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Encephalitis	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	1	-	5	-	-	3	2
Dysentery	-	-	3	11	2	-	1	-	4	1
Hepatitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1

TABLE VIII

Year	No. of Primary notifications received		Deaths		Death rate per 10,000 population	
	Pul.	Non-Pul	Pul	Non-Pul	Pul	Non-Pul
1960	5	-	-	-	-	-
1961	3	1	-	-	-	-
1962	5	3	1	1	0.8	0.8
1963	6	2	1	-	0.75	-
1964	4	1	1	-	0.74	-
1965	1	1	-	-	-	-
1966	4	1	-	-	-	-
1967	4	3	1	-	0.7	-
1968	4	1	-	-	-	-
1969	1	-	-	-	-	-
1970	3	2	-	-	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER

The number of types of cases at present in the Borough and on the Tuberculosis Register are shown in Table IX.

TABLE IX

	PULMONARY		NON-PULMONARY		TOTALS
	M	F	M	F	
On Tuberculosis Register 1.1.70.	39	14	8	3	64
Notified in Borough	3	-	-	2	5
Transf. to Borough	1	-	-	-	1
Transf. from Borough	1	-	-	-	1
Deaths	-	-	-	-	-
Recovered	1	2	-	-	3
Balance remaining on Register 31.12.70.	41	12	8	5	66

Chest Clinic, South Road

Number of cases of tuberculosis (whether notified or not) under treatment, supervision, or observation at 31st December 1970.

			Men	Women	Children	Total
Number of cases (including both out-patients and in-patients)	1	Respiratory	62	37	1	100
	2	Non-respiratory	4	8		12
	3	Total	66	45	1	112

4	Number of cases included in line 3 above whose broncho-pulmonary secretion was positive during the year	2

Number of cases of tuberculosis (whether notified or not) new to the clinic (but excluding transfers from other clinics) during the year ended 31st December 1970.

			Men	Women	Children	Total
Respiratory Non-bacteriologically confirmed.	5	Group I	2	1		3
	6	Group II				
	7	Group III				
	8	Total	2	1		3
Respiratory bacteriologically confirmed.	9	Group I				
	10	Group II	2			2
	11	Group III				
	12	Total	2			2
Non-respiratory	13			1		1
Total (lines 8 12 13)	14		4	2		6

Mass Radiography Unit

	Date	Male	Female	Total
Thos. Seager Ltd.	6.11.70.	96	9	105
Doyle & Co. Ltd.	5.11.70.	177	44	221
Smedley Ltd.	6.11.70.	65	119	184
East Kent Packers	26 & 27.11.70.	243	268	511
Bensted House Hospital Staff	6.4.70.	17	64	81
Patients		11	1	12
			TOTAL	1,114

Clinic Attendance

I am indebted to Dr. C.W.E. Smith for the following particulars regarding patients from the Borough.

(a) Number of patients from the Borough of Faversham who attended any of the Chest Clinics during 1970 (this includes contacts etc.) ... 265

(b) Total number of attendances during the year by the above patients ... 380

(c) Number of patients from the Borough who received treatment at Keycol Hospital ... 3

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

The County Medical Officer reports that during the period the following have received vaccination:-

TABLE X
PRIMARY

YEAR OF BIRTH	Triple Antigen	Diptheria Tetanus	Small-pox	Tetanus	Measles	Polio-myelitis	Rubella
1970	17	-	208	-	97	21	-
1969	160	4	-	-	94	215	-
1968	43	-	-	-	34	88	-
1967	-	-	-	-	27	11	-
1966	2	-	-	-	13	8	-
1965	1	-	-	-	14	-	-
1963-1964	-	-	-	-	6	-	-
1954-1962	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
	223	4	208	-	285	343	5

TABLE XI
REINFORCING

YEAR OF BIRTH	Triple Antigen	Diptheria Tetanus	Small-pox	Tetanus	Measles	Polio-myelitis
1970	-	-	-	-	-	-
1969	1	-	-	-	-	-
1968	39	14	-	-	-	-
1967	20	6	-	-	-	-
1966	2	11	-	-	-	12
1965	4	16	-	-	-	45
1963-1964	18	101	-	-	-	136
1954-1962	1	2	2	23	-	17
	85	150	2	23	-	210

SECTION IV

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES

Local Authority Health Services under the National Health Service Act are provided and administered by the Kent County Council. These services include the Care of Mother and Young Children, the provision of Midwives, Health Visiting and Home Nursing, Vaccination and Immunisation Prevention of Illness, Care and After-care, and Domestic Health Services.

Chest Clinics and the care of Tuberculosis patients are the responsibility of the Regional Hospital Board, as also is Mental Welfare.

Various Clinics in connection with these Services are held as follows:-

Clinics and Sessions

(a) Queen's Hall

	Day	Time
Child Welfare.....	Tuesday and Friday.....	2 - 4 p.m.

(Immunisation and Vaccination are carried out at the Child Welfare Clinic on Tuesday and Friday afternoons, if required).

(b) School Clinic

Soloman's Lane

Ante-Natal Clinic	Friday afternoon	2 - 4 p.m.
Relaxation and Mothercraft classes..	Friday morning	10 - 12 noon
Minor Ailment Clinic	Wednesday 2nd and 4th Wednesday of month	3.30.-4.30.p.m.
Dental Gas Clinic.....	Tuesday	10.30.-12 noon
Dental	Tuesday	1.30. - 4 p.m.
	Thursday.....	9.30. - 12 noon
		1.30. - 4 p.m.

Chest Clinic

South Road .....Thursday (by appointment)

Cases for X-ray are referred to Canterbury Chest Clinic as and when required.

(d) Domestic Help

Application can be made at the Kent County Welfare Office at 44 East Street, Faversham - Monday to Friday.

(e) Psychiatric Clinic

This Clinic is held every Thursday at 5 p.m. at 13 South Road. Appointments are made through St. Augustine's Hospital.

School Health

Based on the report of the Principal School Medical Officer for the year 1970.

The following is a summary of the returns for the above year for the area comprising the Boroughs of Faversham and Queenborough in Sheppey, the Urban District of Sittingbourne and Milton Regis and the Rural District of Swale.

TABLE XII

Routine School Medical Inspections				
	Physical Condition of Pupils Inspected			
	Satisfactory		Unsatisfactory	
No. of Pupils Inspected (1)	No. (2)	% of Col.1 (3)	No. (4)	% of Col.1 (5)
2,267	2,267	100.00	0	0.00

In addition 1,956 children received tests of vision and hearing only.

TABLE XIII

Number of Special Inspections	52
Number of Re-inspections	757

TABLE XIV

Number found to require treatment	962

TABLE XV

Infestation with Vermin

1. Total number of examinations of pupils in schools by the school nurse or other authorised persons	10,835
2. Total number of individual pupils found to be infested	59
3. Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing notices were issued (Section 54(2), Education Act, 1944)	11

TABLE XVI

Treatment of Pupils

Group 1 - Minor Ailments (Excluding Uncleanliness)

	Number of Cases treated
Skin Diseases	Nil
Eye defects .. .. (External and other, but excluding errors of refraction, squint and cases admitted to Hospital)	Nil
Ear defects	13
Miscellaneous .. .. (e.g. minor injuries, bruises, sores etc.)	7
Total	20

Group II - Defective Vision and Squint

1. Errors of Refraction (including squint)	757
2. Other defects or diseases of the eyes (Excluding those recorded in Group 1)	1
	758
3. Number of pupils for whom spectacles were prescribed	322

TABLE XVII

Dental Inspection and Treatment

1.	Number of pupils inspected by the Authority's Dental Officers		2,942
2.	Number found to require treatment		1,810
3.	Number offered treatment		1,808
4.	Number actually treated		1,396
5.	Number of attendances made by pupils for treatment		5,299
6.	Half days devoted to:		
	A. Periodic (School) Inspections	10	
	B. Treatment	881	
	Total (6)	891	
7.	Fillings		
	A. Permanent teeth	2,206	
	B. Temporary teeth	579	
	Total (7)	2,785	
8.	Number of teeth filled		
	A. Permanent teeth	2,157	
	B. Temporary teeth	562	
	Total (8)	2,719	
9.	Extractions		
	A. Permanent teeth	316	
	B. Temporary teeth	912	
	Total (9)	1,228	
10.	Administration of general anaesthetics for extractions		680
11.	Other Operations		
	Permanent and temporary teeth		1,091

SECTION V

REMOVAL OF AGED PERSONS

National Assistance Act, 1948

Section 47

National Assistance (Amended) Act, 1951

One aged person was removed under the provisions of the above Acts during 1970.

SECTION VI

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Staff

In May the Additional Public Health Inspector, Mr. A.J. Longley, resigned his appointment and no replacement was obtained.

In October the part time Rodent Operator also resigned and although the post was advertised no replacement was obtained. During the remainder of the year the Department operated with a Chief Public Health Inspector and a part-time clerk.

Water Supply

The responsibility for mains water supply to the Borough rests with the Mid-Kent Water Company. The local office remains at 41 Stone Street.

No major work to the mains was carried out during the year.

During 1970 the following samples were taken in the Faversham area for examination.

		Bact.	Chem.
From consumers taps within the area		16	-
From pumping station supplying the area.	Raw	106	8
	Treated	52	8

All samples were reported as satisfactory.

Drainage and Sewerage

The scheme for the modernisation of the sewage works received the Council's approval, schedules were sent out to tender and it is hoped that works will commence early in 1971.

Refuse Collection and Disposal

During 1970 a further six hundred houses in the Borough were brought into the paper sack scheme. One third of the houses in the Borough are now on the paper sack collection system.

The Borough refuse is tipped in the disused workings of the Ace, Sand and Gravel Company at Ham Road. The amenity tipping compound is continually subject to abuse and other positions and arrangements are being considered.

Public Conveniences

The public conveniences within the Borough are maintained and supervised by the Borough Engineer and Surveyor's Department. A small addition was built on to the main block in the car park to provide accommodation for a full-time attendant. An attendant has now been appointed.

Public Swimming Bath

During 1970 season 69,789 people paid for admission to the pool as compared with 69,792 in 1969. 527 season and weekly season tickets were issued as compared with 488 in 1969. 11,169 spectators paid admission.

The pool is regularly used for swimming instruction purposes by school pupils and club members.

Regular routine testing and sampling of both the main and learners pool water was carried out by the Public Health Department and the Public Health Laboratory.

Hop Picking

Little work or inspection is now needed as only a very small labour force is required for machine picking.

Mortuary Accommodation

Mortuary facilities are provided at the Faversham Cottage Hospital.

SECTION VII

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk

The registration of the one remaining premises in the Borough as a dairy lapsed during the year following re-organisation of the Company concerned.

Ice Cream

Forty nine premises are now registered for the sale of ice-cream a decrease of five over the previous year.

Bakehouses

The four small bakehouses continued in use during the year - no complaints were received about the products from these premises.

Market Stalls

The number of stalls using the Market Place on Fridays and Saturdays varied throughout the year, but mainly consisted of four regular users on Saturdays and one on Fridays.

FOOD PREMISES

TABLE XVIII

PREMISES	NUMBER
Butchers	12
Grocers	14
Fishmongers	3
Fish Fryers	5
Bakers and Confectioners	13
Greengrocers	7
Cafe and Teashops	7
Hotels	3
General Shops	34
Premises where ice cream is sold	49
Preserved Foods	29
Supermarkets	4
TOTAL	180

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

The following details of samples taken in the District under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 are supplied by courtesy of the Chief Inspector Weights and Measures Department, Kent County Council.

ARTICLES	Satis-factory	Unsatis-factory
Milk	10	4
Tinned meats, meat, fish, fish and meat pastes	14	4
Sugar, sugar confectionery, flour confectionery, chocolate products, cereals	4	2
Tea, coffee, cocoa, beverages, minerals, cordials	4	1
Jams, preserves, honey, jellies	2	-
Dried fruit, raw fruit, vegetables, tinned fruit and vegetables ...	8	1
Pickles, sauces, vinegar, condiments	2	-
Drugs, medicines	4	1
Beer, wines, spirits	11	-
Miscellaneous	2	-
	61	13

UNSATISFACTORY SAMPLES

Pasteurised Milk (2 samples)

Slightly contaminated with phenols. Dairy cautioned.

Pasteurised Milk

Bottle soiled with mould and algae growths. Dairy cautioned.

Pasteurised Milk

Attached to inside of bottle were pupal cases of a dipterous fly. Kent Co-operative Society Limited, Maidstone Road, Chatham fined £10.00 and £3.15 Advocate's fee at Faversham Magistrates Court on the 18th November 1970.

Beefsteak and Kidney Pie

Pie crust affected by mould growths. Bertram Horace Stewart, 16 Athelstan Road, Faversham fined £20.00 with £11.00 costs at the Faversham Magistrates' Court on the 7th October 1970.

Saveloys

Contained parts of rusty staple. Manufacturers cautioned.

UNSOUND FOOD

The various foodstuffs condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption were as follows:-

Fruit	6,888 cartons Melons
	31 trays Spanish Melons
	204 trays Spanish Grapes
	103 boxes Spanish Melons
	100 trays Cantaloupe Melons
	2 bulk bins of Apples
	400 trays of Peaches
	347 bags of Chestnuts
	120 cases Artichokes
	538 boxes Spanish Oranges
	1 bulk bin Pears
	1505 cartons Israeli Grapefruit
Vegetables	401 cartons Lettuce
	11 x 6 lbs Red Capsicums - Dutch
	107 x 6 kilo trays Spanish Tomatoes
	15 cartons Corida Tomatoes
	216 cartons Canary Island Tomatoes
	75 boxes Canary Island Cucumbers
	473 trays of Courgettes
	73 x 12 boxes of Cucumbers
	57 boxes Dutch Carrots
	151 cartons of Dutch Carrots
	445 cartons Cucumbers
	267 boxes of Dutch Cucumbers
	1830 bags Carrots
	1072 trays of Spanish Beans
Miscellaneous	598 packets various foodstuffs
	988 tins various foodstuffs
	186 cartons of various dry sauce mix
	640 packets various frozen foodstuffs
	36 boxes of biscuits
	205½ lbs. various frozen foodstuffs
	43 loaves
	26 cakes
Fish and Meat	½ stone skate wings
	2 Argentine Silversides - 39 lbs.
	70 lbs. pigs livers
	30 lbs. boneless pork
	1 stone sprats

Unsatisfactory Samples continued

Pork Chipolatas

Contained piece of ferrous metal. Manufacturer cautioned.

Meat Pies

Affected by mould growths. Retailer cautioned.

Cream Doughnut

Contained two small pieces of glass. Baker cautioned.

Sliced Loaf

Contained piece of glass. Source of contamination not ascertained.

Shandy

Low in proof spirit. Follow-up sample satisfactory.

Raspberries

Contained beetle. Supplier cautioned.

Friars Balsam B.P.C.

Low in Balsamic Acid. Follow-up sample satisfactory.

SECTION VIII

GENERAL PUBLIC HEALTH WORKS

Infectious Diseases

The number of infectious disease cases during 1970 was 31 which is an increase of 2 over the previous year.

7 visits were made to make enquiries and to give advice on control.

Offensive Trades

The two bone boiling and one hoof and horn cooking factories continued to operate during the year.

Legal proceedings were successful in relation to Byelaw offenses against one of the offensive trade factories.

251 visits were made to the factories during 1970.

Licensed Premises

29 visits were made to the licensed premises during the year only minor matters were found to need attention.

Petroleum

All the premises for which applications for the renewal of the annual licences were received were inspected during the year. A number of notices were served for the contraventions of "conditions of licence" as imposed by this Authority.

Fireworks

17 visits were made to premises where fireworks were being sold, improvement in storage conditions were brought about in two instances following these visits.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

During 1970 the registration of one shop was withdrawn under the provisions of the above Act.

The following table indicates the overall position of premises which are at present registered in the Borough.

TABLE XIX

	Premises Reg. during year	Total Reg. at end of year	No. receiving general insp.	No. of persons employed
Offices	3	44	9	304
Retail Shops	1	113	26	490
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	-	8	2	53
Catering Establishments	-	5	3	19
Canteens	-	-	-	1
Fuel Storage Depots	-	-	-	-
Total	4	170	40	867
		TOTAL	MALES	348
		TOTAL	FEMALES	519

In all some 68 visits were made to registered premises for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of the Act.

Owners and occupiers have again responded in an encouraging way to notices requiring work to be carried out.

RODENT AND INFESTATION CONTROL

The services of a part time rodent operator were used during part of the year to carry out treatments and surveys. Complaints were dealt with on a day to day basis.

The disinfestation services of the Department were used to treat minor infestation of insects such as fleas, cockroaches, silver fish and bed bugs.

Following the resignation of the rodent operator the contract services of a private company were used.

TABLE XX

	TYPE OF PROPERTY	
	Non Agricultural	Agricultural
Properties other than sewers (1) No. of properties in District	6298	17
(2) A. total no. of properties (and nearby premises) inspected following notification	192	2
B. No. infested by (1) rats	74	2
(2) mice	89	-
(3) A. Total no. of properties inspected for rats and mice for reasons other than notification	48	1
B. No. infested by (1) rats	11	1
(2) mice	7	-

SECTION IX

HOUSING

1. THE following is a summary of action taken under the Housing and Public Health Acts during the year.

(a)	Inspection of dwelling houses for housing defects	157
(b)	Number of houses found to be in any respect unfit for human habitation	39
(c)	Number of houses found to be unfit for human habitation and incapable of repair at reasonable expense	-
(d)	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied by informal action	34
(e)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal orders	-
(f)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition orders were made	-
(g)	Number of houses demolished by formal action	3
(h)	Number of houses closed under Section 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) and 26 Housing Act 1961	-
(i)	Number of houses closed under Section 17(3) and 26 Housing Act 1957	-
(j)	Parts of buildings closed under Section 18 Housing Act 1957	-

2. APPLICATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND CONVERSION GRANTS

90 schemes were submitted and approved, for which £38,027 (£16,874) was approved for grant under the discretionary scheme.

30 Standard grant schemes were approved to a total cost of £4,367 (£2,965).

Figures in brackets refer to Grants in 1969.

3. DISPLACEMENT

During the year 2 families (8 people) were displaced as a result of formal action under the Housing Acts.

PROVISION OF HOUSES

The following table shows the number of houses built each year since 1950.

TABLE XXI

YEAR	COUNCIL HOUSES Permanent	POLICE HOUSES	PRIVATE ENTERPRISE	TOTAL
1950	61	-	11	72
1951	80	2	8	90
1952	66	-	7	73
1953	60	-	10	70
1954	72	5	3	80
1955	80	-	8	88
1956	52	-	5	57
1957	62	-	24	86
1958	42	-	26	68
1959	52	-	11	63
1960	38	-	41	79
1961	26	-	76	102
1962	14	-	102	116
1963	22	-	61	83
1964	31	-	35	66
1965	-	-	135	135
1966	20	-	148	168
1967	10	-	94	104
1968	23	-	114	137
1969	14	-	103	117
1970	-	-	48	48
TOTALS	825	7	1070	1902

SECTION X

FACTORY ADMINISTRATION

Particulars in respect of Factory administration are shown in the form prescribed by the Minister, as follows:-

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTION for the purpose of provision as to health.

PREMISES	Number on Register	NUMBER OF Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sec. 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	1	-	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sec.7 is enforced by Local Authority	87	16	2	-
(3) Other premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by Local Authority (including out-workers premises)	2	1	-	-
TOTALS	90	17	2	-

2. CASES in which defects were found:-

PARTICULARS	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.)	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2.)	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3.)	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of Floors (S.6.)	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.) (a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	-	1
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

Nature of work	Nos of workers in August list	No of cases of default in sending list	Nos of prosecutions for failing to supply list	No of instances work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing Apparel Making etc.	2	-	-	-	-	-
All others	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	2	-	-	-	-	-

SECTION XI

FAVERSHAM PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

There has been no alteration during the year in the area of the port which for the sanitary administration is divided into two sections, viz, (a) the Eastern Section (Faversham Creek) and (b) the Western Section (Milton Creek).

Section 1

No change.

Section II

SHIPS FROM	NUMBER	TONNAGE	NUMBER INSPECTED M.O.H.	P.H.I.	Number of ships reported as having had during the voyage infectious disease aboard
(I) EASTERN SECTION					
(a) Coastwise	110	9221	Nil	4	Nil
(b) Foreign	63	7680	Nil	3	Nil
(c) Lighters and Barges	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(2) WESTERN SECTION					
(a) Coastwise	294	20777	Nil	6	Nil
(b) Foreign	7	746	Nil	Nil	Nil
(c) Lighters and Barges	Nil	Nil	Nil	6	Nil
TOTALS	474	38424	Nil	19	Nil

Section III - Character of Shipping and Trade during the year.

(1) Passenger Traffic ..... Nil

(2) Cargo Traffic:

(a) EASTERN SECTION

Principal Imports ..... Petrol, Crude Oil, Grain, Timber and Fertilisers

Principal Exports ..... Nil

(b) WESTERN SECTION

Principal Imports ..... Sand, China Clay and Paper

Principal Exports ..... Nil

(3) Principal Ports from which Ships arrive:

(a) EASTERN SECTION

Coastwise ..... Thames Estuary

Foreign ..... Rotterdam, Antwerp, Ymiden, Bremen, Vlaardingen and Swedish

(b) WESTERN SECTION

Coastwise ..... London and Brightlingsea

Foreign ..... Nil

Section IV - Inland Traffic

Nil

Section V - Water Supply

No Change.

Section VI - Public Health (Ship Regulations) 1952

No Change.

Section VII - Smallpox

No Change.

Section VIII- Venereal Diseases

No Change.

SectionIX - Cases of notifiable and other infectious diseases dealt with during the year

Nil

Section X - Malaria

Nil

Section XI - Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected for plague

Nil

Section XII - Measures against rodents on ships from foreign ports

Nil

Section XIII - Inspection of Ships for Nuisances

No nuisances were found on ships during the year.

Section XIV - Public Health (Shellfish Regulations)

No Change.

Section XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens

No Change.

Section XVI - Arrangements for burial on shore of persons who have died on board from infectious disease

No Change.

APPENDIX "A"

Readings recorded at the Borough Sewerage Works for 1970

	Rainfall (inches)		Temperature (degrees F)			
			Maximum		Minimum	
	1970	1969	1970	1969	1970	1969
January	2.5	2.81	52	54	20	28
February	1.75	1.66	54	50	20	18
March	2.05	2.04	59	58	17	23
April	2.2	.78	66	75	24	23
May	.75	2.41	76	85	40	37
June	.9	1.14	84	82	41	37
July	1.35	4.31	89	90	44	42
August	1.6	4.46	89	88	41	44
September	3.4	.56	78	81	58	36
October	.6	.22	70	74	32	36
November	5.05	4.73	61	63	24	21
December	2.45	2.11	54	50	24	26
	24.6	27.23				

APPENDIX "B"

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT - VISITS

PUBLIC HEALTH

Complaints re houses	79
Other complaints	181
Re-visits following complaints	52
Port Health	11
Offensive trades	251
Tents, vans and sheds	7
Hop Pickers' Camp and Farms	2
Atmospheric Pollution	17
Schools	3
Places of Entertainment	5
Outworkers	1
Water Supply	8
Drainage	231
Shops (non food)	14
Infectious Disease	7
Miscellaneous	56

HOUSING

Housing Acts	82
Re-visits	75
Verminous Premises	7
Rent Act 1957	21
Miscellaneous	18

FOOD PREMISES

Bakers and Confectioners	15
Butchers	41
Canteens	13
Dairies and Milk Distributors	9
Fishmongers and Poulterers	12
Fried Fish Shops	11
Food Preparation Premises	31
Grocers	29
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	33
Market Stalls	33
Hotels, Restaurants, Snack Bars	19
Licensed Premises	29
Clubs	2
School Kitchens	2
Wholesalers	18
Food Factories	31
Miscellaneous Food Premises	74

FACTORIES

With Power	16
Non-Power	-
Workplaces	1

GENERAL

Fireworks	17
Rat, mouse and insect complaints	261
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	68
Petroleum Inspections	79

SAMPLES

Water (including swimming baths)	9

	O.S. & R Act	Public Health Act	Housing Acts	Shops Act	Fact-ories Act	Food Hyg. Regs.	Pet. Act.
Informal Notices served	5	36	36	-	2	13	24
Informal Notices Complied with	5	33	34	-	2	14	24
Statutory Notices served	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Statutory Notices Complied with	-	1	-	-	-	-	-